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LOST LINERS.

Strange Disappearances at Sea.

In an article on "Lost Liners" in a recent number of *Chambers' Journal*, Mr. Joseph Horner recalls the number of vessels which have from time to time disappeared mysteriously, leaving not a single survivor to tell the story.

In the North Atlantic service alone, between 1841 and 1890, no fewer than twenty-four big steamers were totally blotted out of human knowledge, together with their crews and passengers, numbering 1,463. The President, with 133 souls on board, was the first of these to be lost for ever in 1841. The City of Glasgow disappeared in 1854 without leaving a trace, and she had 480 souls on board. In 1856 the Pacific, with a living freight of 240, sailed from Liverpool in June, and was never more heard of. The Tempest, with 150 souls, mysteriously disappeared in 1859. The City of Boston, with 170 persons, vanished in 1870. The Huronian, an Allan Liner, disappeared in 1902, and the British gunboat Condor was lost in the Pacific in 1901. In 1893 a cattle steamer, the Naronic, with seventy-seven hands, was lost.

As to the possible causes of the catastrophes it is only possible to surmise: explosion; damage from within, such as explosion, breakdown of machinery, or fire; or damage from without, such as collision with an iceberg or with a derelict hull, have all been suggested to explain the losses of vessels. The Captain capsize, and hundreds of lives were lost, and it is now assumed that the Warship capsize by reason of top-heaviness. As to damage to machinery, we have the case of the City of Paris, which had a big smash in one of her engine-rooms in 1890. She was near the Irish coast, but though both engine-rooms were filled with water in ten minutes, she was kept afloat owing to her watertight compartments for three days till help came to tow her into Queenstown. In the case of a fire, everything, probably, would be consumed to the water's edge, and if this happened far from land the chances of rescue would be remote. Heavy weather and the waves, with the older vessels of any size, were probably the cause of many losses.

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10.00 P.M. 'HEUNGSHAN.' 5.00 P.M. 'KINSHAN.'
SUNDAY, 5th MAY.
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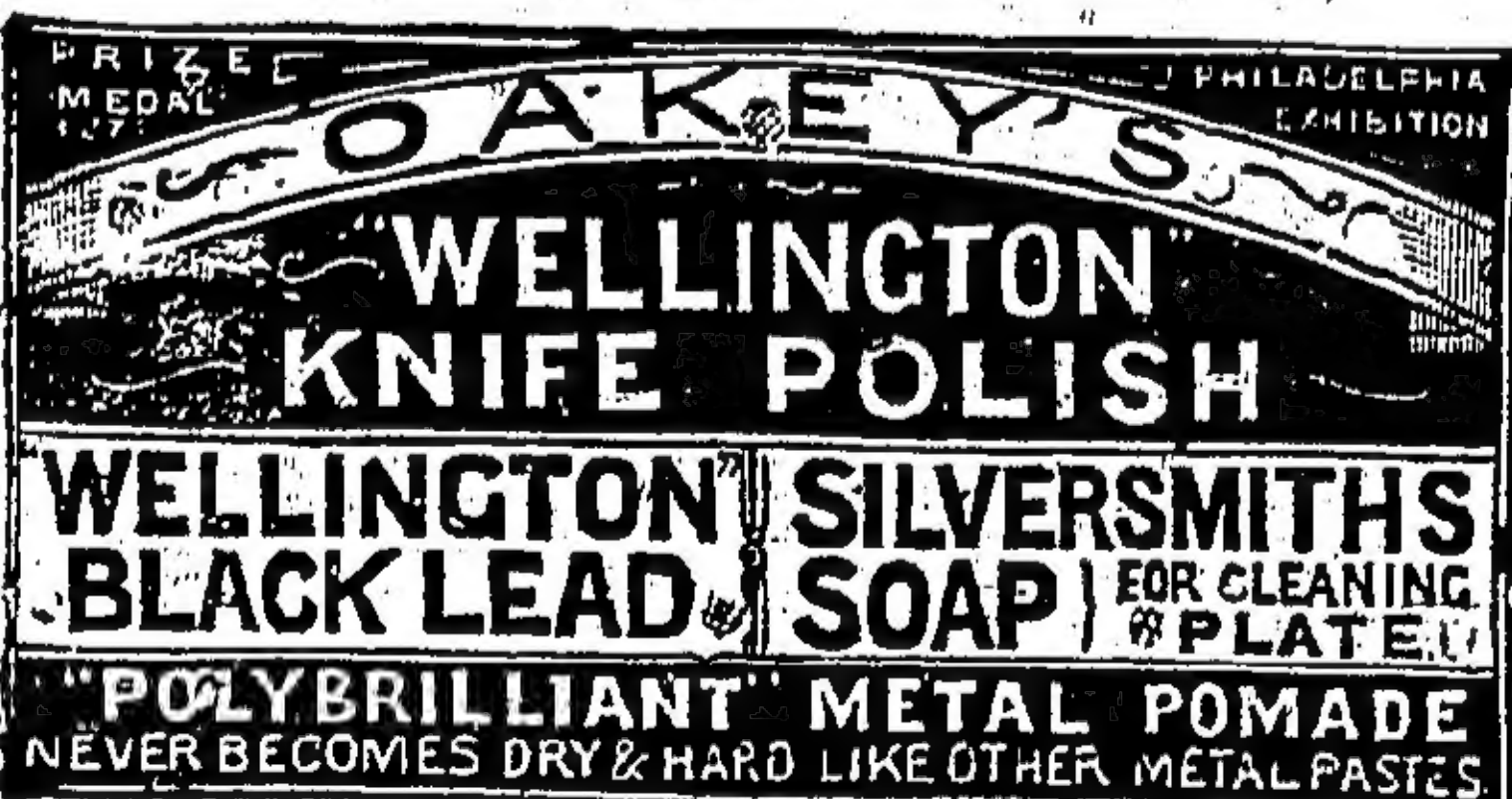
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Owen and Share Cert. No. 490 for 100

Shares, Nos. 12396/12404

standing in the name of ARTHUR EDWIN

Garratt, having been LOST, Notice is

hereby given that unless the said certificates

are produced at the Office of the

Company known Point on or before the

15th May, 1912, new Certificates for the

said Shares will be issued and the old

certificates will thereafter be held by the

Company as null and void.

EDWARD OSBORNE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, May 1, 1912. 811

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF

HONGKONG.

In the matter of the Estate of JAMES

EDWARDS formerly employed in

the Hongkong Police Force and

the Registrar General's Office,

Victoria, Hongkong, and late of

the 'Homestead' at Kowloon, de-

ceased.

Whereas the said JAMES EDWARDS

died in testate at the Government

Civil Hospital, Victoria, aforesaid,

on the 13th day of September,

1908,

And whereas the next of kin of the said

JAMES EDWARDS are unknown to

the Official Administrator.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that,

if no claimant appears within a period

of twelve months from the 1st day of May,

1912, to claim the funds remaining from

the estate of the said JAMES EDWARDS,

such funds will be transferred to the

revenue of the Colony of Hongkong.

Dated this 30th day of April, 1912.

H. A. NISBET,

Official Administrator.

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THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO.,

LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the

TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY

GENERAL MEETING OF SHARE

HOLDERS will be held at the Company's

Office, St. George's Building, on SATUR-

DAY, the 4th MAY, 1912, at 12 o'clock

Noon, for the purpose of presenting the

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS, together

with a STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS for

20th February, 1912, and electing DIRE-

CTORS and AUDITORS.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-

pany will be CLOSED from the 5th April

to the 4th May, 1912, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

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Hongkong, April 17, 1912. 824

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[BY G. VALENTINE WILLIAMS, PARIS
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"It is no use coming to one of the
great Paris clubs to find a young Parisian
today. They are all out of doors.
You will find your man at the races or
on the golf links at La Bousille, Fontaine-
bleau, Compiègne, playing tennis in the
Pays or polo at Bagatelle, fencing at one
of the fall clubs, boxing at the Pelican,
shooting at the Gun Club, playing foot-
ball at St. Cloud, or doing dumb-bells at
one of the physical culture schools.
When they do come here, the young men,
they talk sport and compare their ap-
petites; the only members who attend
regularly are the card-players."

Frenchmen have fallen victims to the
irresistible charm of field sports and
athletics. They have passed out of the
club stage when Anglomaniac decreed
English games to be the correct thing.
They have learnt to love the feel of the
wind on the face, to love the zest of
matching forces with one's fellow-men in
contests where strength and skill alone
prevail, the sense of superiority that
bodily fitness gives. It would indeed be
singular if field sports did not appeal to
the French temperament, with its passion
for glory, its reckless courage, its irre-
pressible dash. Splendid swordsmen,
magnificent riders, the French have
always been in motor racing and aviation
they have led the world; and now they
see opening before them the path leading
to all-round superiority in open-air con-
tests.

FRANCE'S POPULAR IDOL.
Look at the crushing defeat of Jim
Sullivan at Monte Carlo the other day;
the middle-weight champion of Europe,
the representative of the nation of fight-
ers, knocked out in seven minutes by an
eighteen-year-old Frenchman. Young
Georges Carpentier, the hero of the Mon-
te Carlo fight, is the popular idol of
France to-day. And his popularity rests
as much on the cleanliness of his fighting,
the perfection of his form, as on the
triumphant victory he won for France.
I was in that audience of 12,000 which
a few months ago went crazy with enthu-
siasm at hearing Carpentier declared win-
ner on points over Harry Lewis, a dogged
and determined boxer, and every remark
I heard from those around me went to
show that the delight of the crowd arose
from the sporting instinct, the joy at
seeing the best man win a fair and
square contest.

The development of the sporting in-
stinct in the French character has much
to do with the new spirit which has come
over France. The reaction against dis-
order, the revival of patriotism, the im-
pulse for action are accompanying symp-
toms of the great national reawakening
which expressed itself in the steadfast
and tranquil attitude of the French
people at a great crisis in European
history.

Eighteen-year-old Carpentier's defeat
of Sullivan, sixteen-year-old Laurence's
victory over Wilding in the Paris lawn
tennis championships last year, the
French Rugby team's win against Scot-
land last season, and its fine game with
Ireland's exceptionally strong team on
New Year's Day are the most striking
proofs of the progress which the young
Frenchman is making in sport. But a
surer indication of this awakening of the
French to the charms of open-air games
and exercises is seen in the growing
popularity of English games among the
young clerks in Paris and the big towns,
and the young officers in the Army and
the Navy.

At the present moment there are
affiliated to the Union des Sociétés
Françaises des Sports Athlétiques, the
great central body which controls all
amateur sport in France, over 1,300
clubs, whereas in 1897 there were but
two, and as recently as 1907 only 697.
Most French clubs do not practise any
one game of English clubs, but play
football and hockey in the winter and
tennis in the summer, while athletes are
the regularly practised. Many of these

clubs have a very large membership, and
are annually receiving fresh adherents.

The young Parisian has a number of
excellent and well-conducted clubs which
he may join. First and foremost are the
Stade Française, with a membership of
about 1,500, and the Racing Club de
France, with nearly a thousand members.
Founded about twenty years ago, the
Stade has now four sports grounds—
namely, at St. Cloud (La Falsanderie),
Auteuil (Père des Princes), Colombes,
and Billancourt. Here Rugby and Asso-
ciation football, hockey, Troquet, tennis,
and cricket are played, and some enthu-
siasts have started a rudimentary golf
course on one of the grounds. The Stade
has also running tracks at its disposal.
The Racing Club de France, the fees of
which are higher than the Stade, has
grounds beautifully situated in the Bois
de Boulogne, with tennis courts and a
splendid running track, and has also foot-
ball fields for its various teams. The
great Paris banks have also started ath-
letic clubs for their employees, prominent
among which is the club of the Société
Générale, with a well equipped ground
at Auteuil, one of the best in Paris. The
Crédit Lyonnais also has a keen and
flourishing club. The great Paris depart-
ment stores like the Louvre and the Bon
Marché also afford their assistants the
opportunity of going in for games, and
matches are regularly played between the
different establishments. The P.T.T.—
Posts, Telegraphs, and Telephones—have
a club, and so have the Paris barbers, and
both play matches with the Stade and
other French teams.

Football is keenly played both in the
Army and the Navy. A French soldier
wearing his uniform coat over his foot-
ball clothes was a picturesque figure in
the French Rugby team when it was
photographed before its match with Ire-
land. Games are regularly played at the
different French camps, and the officers,
after displaying a certain lack of interest
in sport, are now occupying themselves
with its development in the Army.

One of the most encouraging features
of the new cult of athletics is that it is
being pursued in the schools. The head-
master of the Lycée Michelet, one of the
leading Paris day schools, which recently
drew at Rugby with Dulwich College,
has entirely English ideas on the utility
of sports and games for boys. It is a
healthy sign that the Lycée Michelet has
a splendid record for examination suc-
cesses, better than many other schools
where games are not yet the rule.

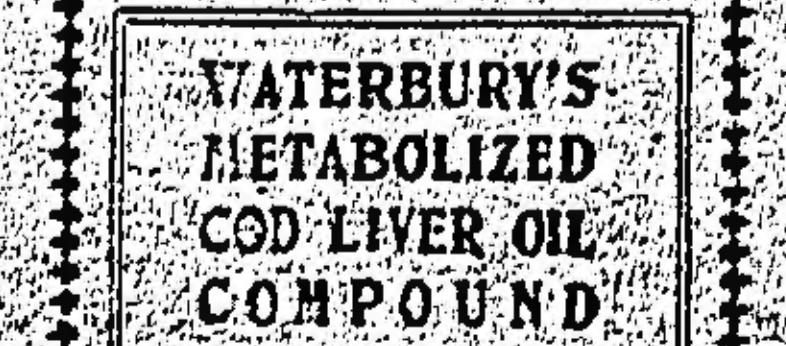
The practice of field sports for sports-
men, brisk, well set up, and furnished
with a fresh outlook on life. France's
continued advance towards fresh triumphs
in the field of sport is a sign of that keep-
ing which is the motto of the new
young Frenchman. He is coming out of
his "tower of ivory"; he is realising that
there are other languages than French to
speak and other fields to conquer than
Paris. Taking a leaf out of England's
book, he is learning how to keep the
mind healthy by keeping the body healthy,
and, following Germany's example,
he is learning languages to equip himself
for success in business.

The young French officer is keen. He

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COUGHING INTO CONSUMPTION

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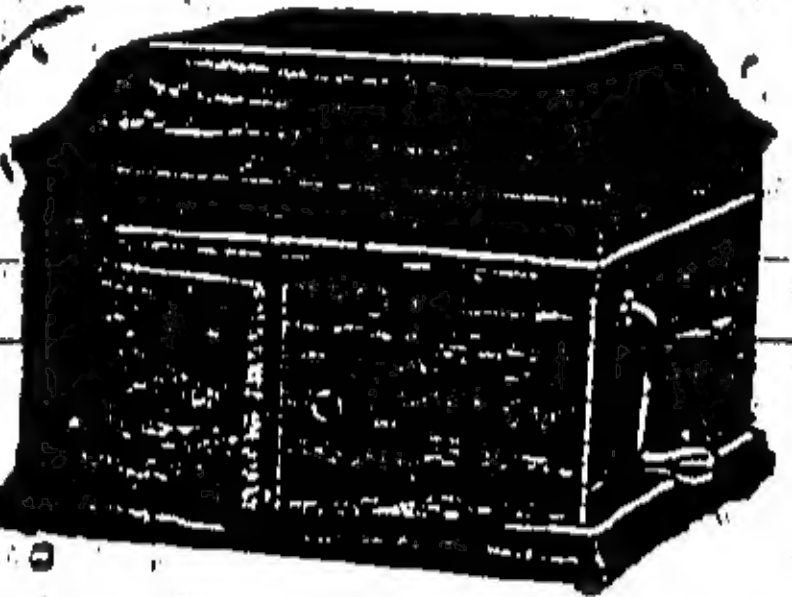
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vituperation the place of calm and reasoned argument. During the recent Revolution, the newspapers in China, particularly those published in the capital, were undoubtedly a power to be reckoned with, and that they were thus considered in high places is evident by the remarks of Dr. SUN YAT-SEN to the Canton editors the other day. As reported in yesterday's issue of the Mail, His Excellency delivered a long address to the assembled editors, and in the course of it, paid an "ungrudging tribute" to the work they were performing. He stated that "to the Press and the Army must be ascribed the honour of the recent Revolution in China." This doubtless means that the Press and the Army did more towards realising the consummation of the hopes of the victorious Revolutionaries than any other institution. In a few pregnant sentences, Dr. Sun said the Press today is a powerful weapon for good or for evil, and it is capable of leading public opinion in a marked degree. On the other hand, it can be a power that may be used to undo things as well as to construct. This extract may not do justice to Dr. Sun's eloquence, but it doubtless precisely conveys his meaning of the power and the responsibility of the Press; and it is pleasing to know that one of the most powerful of the new regime should thus publicly give due weight to the Press of his country, complimenting the editors on the manner in which they are discharging their responsible duties and urging them to continue their excellent work. Into the discussion that took place regarding the duty of the Press to assume a certain attitude in discussing the political affairs of their country, we will not follow His Excellency, being convinced that the conductors of the Canton papers, as well as the conductors of all responsible publications throughout China, need little or no guidance in such a matter. So long as the Chinese Press understands the power of the printed word and the vast responsibility that frequently attaches to it, and so long as they convey their matured reflections in reasoned and temperate language, so long will they be a power in the land, and go far towards moulding the new China whose mighty future is at present largely being determined by what takes place in the present great transition stage.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The German Maritime Court has found that the Oceana collision was the fault of the Oceana, which contravened the rules of the road.

Following the explosion of bombs at Oporto, the authorities have ascertained that there are secret bomb manufactories in the chief towns of Portugal.

A woman advertiser in the *Hamburger Nachrichten* for a barometer "who knows his business, won't lose my case for me, and does not take me for a fool."

Interviewed at Alexandria on his return from Palestine, the Bishop of London said he visited every school and mission and mission-station, and preached in every church from El Obeid to Beirut, a distance of 4,600 miles.

With the issue in September next of the 34th annual volume of the *Boy's Own Paper*, comes also the retirement of its editor for those 24 years, Mr. George Andrew Hutcheson.

Judge Parry, in a speech at the London Debating Society dinner, said the duty of a "Welshman, as oxen in a strange land was to get the best out of it. Some of them had done it. There was himself and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, both of them working in abnormal places and without a minimum wage.

Notice is given that a new aid to navigation buoy has been established in the West Reach of Canton Harbour, marking Wough's Rock. The buoy is painted black, carries a green light, and is situated to the North-eastward of the short pier of the West Reach. Vessels proceeding from Canton towards Belcher Island must, therefore, leave the buoy on the port hand, and if drawing 12 feet, or more, should not pass within 75 feet of the buoy at low water.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

A Chinese was this morning sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment for stealing a quantity of household utensils.

Further enlargement of the port of Hamburg and the construction of new docks have been decided upon.

Station leave has been granted to Lieut. Colonel A. Regbie, 8th Rajputa, from 5th to 9th May, both dates inclusive.

A fine of \$5, for 7 days' imprisonment was imposed to-day upon a man for being in unlawful possession of a quantity of rice.

Lieut. B. Dryer, Inspector of Army Schools, 40 N.O.O.'s and men of R.G.A. and 1 N.C.O., R.A.M.C. proceeded by Tientsin per "Kusichow" on 2nd inst.

A writ of arrest was placed on a mast of the German ship *Pisagua* at Dover, it is understood, the instance of the tug which sailed her after the collision with the *Pisagua* and *O. Liba* Oceans.

The mailfall during the six months from October 1 to March 25 constituted a record, said Lord Desborough at a meeting of the Thames Conservancy. The average for the winter half-year is 14 in.; during the six months then closing 23 in. had fallen.

Three rickshaw coolies appeared at the Magistracy this morning on a charge of refusing to take a passenger when requested. Two of the men, who stated that they were engaged, were discharged, but the third defendant was fined \$2 or 7 days' imprisonment.

It was some time before a date-book was placed in the Prisoner Judge's Court. Ultimate one was procured, but this morning it had again disappeared, much to the inconvenience of His Lordship and the solicitors. It is also a long time since the clock in the Court recorded the correct time.

Further instances are reported of the expelling of junks during the severe squall in the afternoon of April 30th when several Chinamen perished. A junk, with a crew of 18, over-turned. Fourteen of the crew were rescued, but others are missing. Other junks which were found capsized were taken in tow to a place of shelter by a Customs launch.

Our readers are reminded that booking is now proceeding at Moutrie's in connection with the visit of the *Knowles* Company who open at the Theatre Royal on Wednesday evening, the 8th inst. As the famous comedian will only be here for a few nights, it is advisable that theatre-goers should secure their seats early.

While gambling was proceeding in a house in Shanghai Street, Yau-mat, yesterday it appears that someone raised an alarm that the police were coming, whereupon a man jumped up and rushed to the back of the house, intending to escape. He fell from a veranda—a distance of 40 feet—and was killed.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

In a speech at Chicago, Mr. Roosevelt denied that he wanted to be "King of the United States," as suggested by his enemies. "People who make that suggestion," he said, according to the *Telegraph*, "do not know kings, and I do. I am free to confess that I like the kings I have met, but I don't want to be one, because the function of those kings, expressed in terms of our democracy, may be compared to those of Vice-President of America for life, with the leadership of the Four Hundred thrown in. I think there are other jobs that a full-sized man would prefer."

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. G. A. Fraser has resumed charge of the Kuala Lumpur branch of the Mercantile Bank, and Mr. Dowbiggin goes to Singapore.

The s.s. *Boslow*, left Hongkong for the north with fifty saloon passengers among whom were Mr. Mr. and Miss Eds and Mr. J. A. Wendt of Hongkong.

Among the passengers who left by the *Klein* on Wednesday were Dr. and Mrs. Rock and Mrs. G.H. Ross for Genoa and Mr. W. B. Walker for Manila.

Captain H. O. Currier, 8th Rajputa, will conduct an examination of candidates for educational certificates at the Garrison School, Garden Road, on Monday next.

Maitre Aliou Guizot, the famous contralto, appeared at a concert in Penang recently. She is proceeding to Kuala Lumpur and Singapore on her way to Malacca.

We regret to learn that Mr. Leira, the Portuguese Consul, met with an accident the other day, resulting in a broken leg. It appears Mr. Leira, suffering from a weak ankle, and on going down some steps the ankle gave. This is either the third or fourth occasion on which the Consul has had the misfortune to break his leg.

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SUN YAT-SEN AND THE LADIES.

A Poetic Tribute.

It seems indeed a new era in China, when one can refer to things under the above heading. The reference is to the fact that the ladies of Canton have composed an ode to the famous reformer, which, though after the Chinese style, is full of flowery language, still indicates how he is regarded by the female students of the province. Part of it may be translated thus: "Thou didst rise in thy strength, and thou didst travel abroad, visiting many countries. Thou didst weld together those who were of the same mind as thyself. Thou art indeed the originator of the Revolution in China. Being the founder of the Revolution, thou didst cause those who were with thee to wear a mighty oath that they would drive out the Tartar tyrants, and then establish an immortal empire like the new Republic. The music thereof is like the tinkling of jade, and the drink of gold. The Five Races have now been welded together, and the East of Asia is the pioneer of this new era. The renown of the famous horses of Wang Wong is known all over the world, to the four quarters of the globe. Oh Sun! O Sun! thou art the noblest of men, who hast saved our country, and the feelings of thy heart are noble. The three essentials of our people, viz. development of race, the securing of power, and the widening of business, thou hast purposed to establish, and make strong, and thereby thou wilt make our country glorious and mighty for long ages." This, of course, is in no sense an attempt at poetry, but it gives the general sentiment of the song. It will be seen that the students are enamoured of Sun Yat-SEN, and that they regard him as head and shoulders above all others, who have had a hand in the regeneration of their country. From the words that have dropped from the lips of Sun, it must be admitted that he appears to be as sane as any of them, if not saner, and he has some enough to see that things are by no means satisfactory yet, and that even now there is a possibility of a serious collapse, unless there be great patience and a willingness to trust one another, giving up the idea of self-seeking, and having care only for the progress and stability of the Republic.

THE SING WONG MU TEMPLE.

It will be remembered that the idols in this famous temple were destroyed by a military mob early in the revolutionary movement, and for a time it was thought that the days of the temple were numbered. It seems, however, that these things die hard. Some new idols have been prepared, and placed in the temple, and the big mud door-keepers have also been replaced. Apparently also the figures in the ten halls of Hades are to be replaced. At any rate, the report says that those in charge are hurrying on the work. It must be remembered that there are sources of income connected with this temple, and those who receive revenues from the worship, and are enriched from the funds that accrue from vested interests, are not likely to allow their perquisites to slip from their hands, without an effort to hold them. One wonders what these people think of the performance, as they are certainly in touch with modern thought about idols and idol worship. Perhaps we need not attempt to look into their minds; it is enough to see that they seek to reap the harvest that has long been theirs, and this motive is probably sufficient to explain their unwillingness to let the temple lie idle and the funds and the revenue slip out of their hands into the hands of those who are responsible for the local Government.

INDIAN SOLDIER MURDERED.

The Indian soldier, whose body was found at Yau-mat on Wednesday (as already reported in the *China Mail*) was undoubtedly murdered, for a turban was found tied around his neck sufficiently tightly, it is believed, to cause strangulation. His hands were found tied. It is understood that up to the present the police have not made an arrest in connection with the affair.

THE "MYSTERIOUS" RAYMOND.

A special matinee performance was given yesterday by "The Great Raymond," who extended invitations to the convents and other charitable institutions. Seventy-five children attended from the German Foundling Home, and about the same number of students from St. Joseph's College, and needless to say, all thoroughly enjoyed and were bewildered by the wonderful illusions. There was a fair attendance at last night's performance, but perhaps not so large as could have been desired. The public of Hongkong seldom have the opportunity of witnessing a performance of such excellence. Doubtless many will be of much eagerness to witness which will include Raymond's famous hand-and-frick. Invitation is extended to anyone to bring kind words or regulation patterns, and to fasten them to the magician. To-morrow night Mr. Raymond will do the "Great Hand Trick."

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SPORTING.

Cricket.

ROYAL ARTILLERY JUNIORS v. C.C. & CHALLENGE. SERIES.

The 57th Company, having the choice of games in the quarterly fixture in connection with the above Shield, chose cricket, and the first match was played between that Company and the 88th Co. on Wednesday afternoon, resulting in an easy win for the 57th Co. Scores:—

57th COMPANY.	
Br. Webb, b Fegan	16
Br. Masterman, c Burgess, b James	0
Br. Ansell, b Fegan	0
Br. Roseiter, b Fegan	46
Corpl. Goodrick, b Fegan	3
Br. Abel, c James, b Fegan	17
Corpl. Jakeman, b Bonty	11
Br. Honeyey, c James, b Fegan	3
Corpl. Falconbridge, not out	7
Br. Barber, c Mackee, b Woods	5
Extras	6
Total	114

88th COMPANY.

Corpl. Fegan, b Ansell	0
Br. James, b Webb	4
Br. Burt, b Webb	4
Corpl. Burgess, b Webb	13
Br. Woods, b Webb	2
Corpl. Fegan, b Ansell	0
Br. Davis, b Ansell	0
Br. Snowden, b Webb	2
Br. Bush, b Webb	0
Br. Mackee, not out	4
Br. Williams, b Webb	2
Extras	4
Total	33

Tea was partaken of at the conclusion of play, and an enjoyable smoking concert followed. In the absence of the President (Sart. Major Taiton), Corpl. Jakeman occupied the chair. At half-time the victors had another pleasant surprise, a good supper being served. The occasion was made especially interesting as the N.C.O.'s are bound for North China and they and the Marine friends of the *Minifour* were given a send-off to Peking and England respectively.

Billiards.

A match has just been concluded between the Royal Engineers N.C.O.'s Mess and the Sappers, each being represented by eight players. The Sappers proved too strong for the N.C.O.'s, defeating them by 41 points. Scores:—

N.C.O.'S MESS.	
S. M. Morgan	250
O. M. S. Mist	148
S. Sgt. Castle	250
Chambers	148
Giddy	250
Murray	226
Corpl. Lynch	174
Corpl. Carpenter	250
Extras	1692
SAPPERS.	
Sapt. Brown	236
Cor	250
Johnson	167
Allen	250
Morgan	168
Reilly	250
Bennett	250
Collier	172
Total	1733

Boxing.

Petty Officer Smith is working hard to provide an enjoyable evening's sport in the nature of a boxing tournament to be held at the Belle View Stadium on Saturday, at 5.30 p.m. He has secured many well-known exponents of the fist art amongst them being Sepper Miles, of the Royal Engineers, who is booked for a fifteen round set-to with Ben Haskshaw of the *Tanar*. In the middle-weight, Toby, of H.M.S. Rosario will be opposed, in a ten round contest, to Donnie, of the R.G.A., who has done some excellent work in England. Potter, of the K.O.Y.L.L., who recently fought Shuter, meets Cleve, R.E., in a ten round bout in the feather-weight class. Ford, (H.M.S. Rosario), and Morris, K.O.Y.L.L., are booked for six rounds, and Seall of H.M.S. Prometheus and Gunner Edwards, R.G.A., will box six rounds, both being featherweights.

Golf.

On the Hongkong Golf Club course last week-end some excellent golf was seen. The *Bosie* cup was won by Mr. J. Hooper, 3 up; and the *Molwen* cup by Mr. R. Henderson. The pool (against bogey) was divided by Mr. R. Henderson and Mr. J. W. Stewart, each of whom were 2 up.

Interport Rifle Match.

Practice for the Interport Match will take place to-morrow (Saturday) at King's Park Ground, commencing at 2.30 p.m. and Secretaries of League teams are requested to inform their members, who were nominated to shoot for a place in the team. The Match must be fired off this year between 15th May and 16th June.

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Popular tennis tournament will be held in the singles and doubles (male) was fixed for yesterday, but a shower of rain caused a postponement. The first round has been played. The doubles were 1. Mr. Mack and 2. Henderson. These were arranged for the morning at 10 a.m. and the singles at 2 p.m. The doubles were played between Mr. Mack and Mr. Henderson, and the singles between Mr. Mack and Mr. Henderson.

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Hongkong Tennis League.

THE SEASON'S VICTORIES.

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May 11—Civil Service v. Queen's College. Club de Recreation v. Wigman. Chinese Recreation v. Chinese Y.M.C.A.

May 18—Wigman v. Chinese Recreation. Queen's College v. Y.M.C.A. Kowloon v. Club de Recreation. Chinese Y.M.C.A. v. Chinese Recreation.

May 25—Chinese Recreation v. Kowloon. Y.M.C.A. v. Chinese Y.M.C.A. Club de Recreation v. Queen's College. Chinese Recreation v. Civil Service.

June 1—Queen's College v. Kowloon. Wigman v. Chinese Y.M.C.A. Civil Service v. Chinese Recreation. Chinese Recreation v. Y.M.C.A.

June 8—Kowloon v. Wigman. Chinese Recreation v. Queen's College. Civil Service v. Y.M.C.A. Chinese Recreation v. Club de Recreation.

June 15—Wigman v. Chinese Recreation. Kowloon v. Civil Service. Y.M.C.A. v. Chinese Recreation. Chinese Y.M.C.A. v. Club de Recreation.

June 22—Queen's College v. Wigman. Civil Service v. Chinese Y.M.C.A. Club de Recreation v. Chinese Recreation. Kowloon v. Chinese Recreation.

June 29—Wigman v. Y.M.C.A. Club de Recreation v. Civil Service. Chinese Y.M.C.A. v. Queen's College. Chinese Recreation v. Chinese Recreation.

July 6—Y.M.C.A. v. Kowloon.

All these dates fall on Saturdays, but matches, by mutual agreement, may be arranged for mid-week.

The club first named has choice of ground.

The addresses of club secretaries are:—

Y.M.C.A.—A. Vivian, Diocesan School (Tel. 747).

Kowloon—A. O. Brown (Tel. 18).

Civil Service—F. A. Bilen, Public Works Department.

Queen's College—A. O. Brown, Chinese Recreation—R. Bea.

Wigman—Z. R. Wolf, Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co.

Chinese Y.M.C.A.—Hon. Sec. for Tennis, Ch. Y.M.C.A.—Wyndham Street (Tel. 460).

Chinese Recreation Club—Hon. Sec. for Club de Recreation—Hon. Sec. Club de Recreation, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

President, Dr. C. Forsyth.

Vice-President, Mr. J. R. Wood.

Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. O. Brown.

A SCHOOL FOR PRINCESSES.

In Siam, so we learn from a Paris contemporary, "une dame Anglaise" runs a school for princesses. She has fifteen pupils, all belonging to the Royal family of Siam. In addition to being instructed in reading, writing, and arithmetic, the princesses are taught household management. Turn about they prepare the meal and lay and decorate the table. No person of the "seize-mille" says our contemporary, is allowed to enter the school, for it is against the custom of the country for ladies of rank to meet youths, unless they be relations. Every Wednesday afternoon the princesses return to the palace, under the conduct of one of the ladies of the court, and they remain there until the evening.

PARIS TO PEKING IN 9 DAYS.

Development of Trans-Siberian Railway.

According to statistics just published, says the latest London "Standard" to hand, the Trans-Siberian Railway is coming into remarkable favour with travellers to and from the Far East, owing to the great saving in time resulting from the use of this overland route to China and Japan. During 1910—the figures for last year have not yet been published—5022 passengers took through tickets over the system between European ports and cities and China, Japan, and other Eastern countries, the total receipts amounting to over £132,000. This represented an increase of 36.5 per cent. in the number of passengers, and 38 per cent. in the receipts, compared with 1909, and the traffic would doubtless have been greater but for the plague.

What is especially notable about the Trans-Siberian route is the extent to which passenger traffic between Germany and the East is developing. In 1910 the number of through passengers between Berlin, Hamburg, Bremen, Cologne, and Frankfurt, and Harbin, Vladivostok, Tientsin, Nagasaki, and Shanghai increased nearly fourfold as compared with the previous year.

Negotiations are now in progress for arranging circular tours, travelling via Siberia to one direction and returning by way of the Suez Canal, or vice versa. It is hoped to complete the setting of the Trans-Siberian Railway west of Lake Balkhal this year, and the commencement of two "fast" lines, one of which is practically finished, will shorten the journey between St. Petersburg and Osaka via Peking and Harbin by about 100 miles. It is expected that these new improvements will be completed with increased speed the journey to Peking will only occupy 96 hours.

Sir Robert Anderson, in "The Lighter Side of My Official Life," suggests the advice on how to succeed in the Civil Service, "know your man."

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BY TELEGRAPH.

THE "TITANIC" CALAMITY.

BRITISH INQUIRY OPENED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, May 2.
The Inquiry into the cause of the loss of the Titanic was opened today in the London Scottish Drill Hall, Westminster.

Sixty counsel—including many of the most eminent—are taking part in the proceedings. Sir Rufus Isaacs, the Attorney-General, and Sir John Simon, the Solicitor-General, represent the Board of Trade; Sir R. B. Finlay, Solicitor-General in the last Conservative administration, represents the White Star Line.

Lord Mersey, who presided, expressed sympathy with the relatives of those who had been lost, and admiration in that the best traditions of the sea had been maintained.

Sir Rufus Isaacs, in outlining the course of the inquiry, said that it would be full and complete. No officer's certificates were involved, as those responsible had succumbed. The Inquiry was adjourned.

(Note.—The Assessors appointed in connection with the inquiry are already stated in the "China Mail.")
Admiral Gough-Calthorpe, Captain Clarke, a Board of Trade Inspector, Commander Lyon, an assessor of the Admiralty Court, and Professor Biles, Ed., C.M.]

THE "OSBORNE JUDGMENT."

BILL FOR ITS REVERSAL.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, May 3.
Mr. Asquith, the Prime Minister, has announced that a Bill reversing the Osborne judgment will be introduced in the House of Commons before Whit Sunday.

(Note.—The "Osborne judgment" has reference to a decision in 1911 against the use of Trade Union funds for political purposes.—Ed., C.M.)

ROYAL MAIL LINE'S NEW ENTERPRISE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, May 3.
The Royal Mail Line offers 500,000 of Ordinary Stock at 110. The capital is required for the construction of new steamers and the general development anticipated with the opening of the Panama Canal; and to afford an opportunity for developing the valuable connections of the Company in the Pacific.

BRITISH EAST AFRICA

FINANCIALLY FLOURISHING.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, May 2.
Mr. L. Harcourt, the Colonial Secretary, has announced that it will be found possible to substantially improve the pay of certain Departments of British East Africa, including that of the Administrative Staff, on the estimates of the current year. He was unable to give details as some matters were outstanding.

HOME RACING.

THE ONE THOUSAND GUINEAS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, May 2.
The probable starters and jockeys in the One Thousand Guineas race, —1 Mile—which takes place at Newmarket to-day are:—Lolette (Earl), Sourabaya (Walter Griggs), Gay Laura (Clark), Silesia (Martin), Belle Isle (H. Jones), Signorinella (Brown), Folkerris (E. Wootton), Eufrosina (Higgs), Miss Spentmint (P. Templeman), The Tylt (Bickaby), Billandoo (Winder), Charmian (Maher), Fair Belative (Trigg), Alope (Carrlake), Mountain Mist (Ringstead).

A DARDANELLES CATASTROPHE

VESSEL BLOWN TO ATOMS.

Soldiers and Sailors Drowned.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, May 2.
Reuter's Constantinople correspondent telegraphs that a tug which had been inspecting buoys in the Dardanelles, towed a mine and was blown to atoms, with the result that four officers and twelve soldiers along with the crew were drowned.
A profound impression has been made here, and subscriptions have been opened on behalf of the families of the victims.

BY TELEGRAPH.

CHINESE NEWS.

(Wah Tsz Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, May 3.
As the Russians have occupied Kulja, the Minister for Foreign Affairs has wired to China's representative in St. Petersburg to protest. No reply has yet been received.

Tun Chi Sui, the Minister of War, proposes that each province should be allowed to keep only one division of soldiers, i.e. 12,500 men.

It is reported that Great Britain has asked extension of Kowloon territory before she is prepared to recognise the Republican Government.

CONDITION OF VEDRINNES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, May 3.
M. Vedrinnes, the well-known French aviator, who met with a serious accident, has now a chance of recovery, as he is now having intervals of consciousness.

HOME RULE FOR IRELAND.

MR. BALFOUR'S DENUNCIATION.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, May 3.
Mr. Balfour, in the course of the debate on the Home Rule Bill, said that the restrictions to the Bill, though necessary were absolutely inconsistent with the contention that the Bill gave Irishmen an opportunity of developing their own affairs.

Whitten large all over the Bill was that such control would never give protection to the minority or enable Irishmen to get the advantages which they at present got from their connection with the United Kingdom.

It would prevent Irishmen of public spirit and wide views from entering the Irish Parliament; and if inferior men came in the status of the Assembly would be lowered. The Bill threatened to destroy the House of Commons; and it would not give Irishmen an Assembly which they could regard with pride, affection and respect. He concluded by asking a series of questions designed to show that the Bill was opposed to all principles upon which history had shown how the Federal system could be built up, and the Government were pursuing precisely an opposite course.

THE "TEXAS" INCIDENT.

HOW IT OCCURRED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, May 3.
Reuter's correspondent at Constantinople reports that a battery fired two blanks at the Texas as a warning against deviating the course of the vessel. As this was unheeded, seven shells were fired, dropping around the Texas, which then struck a mine and sank in two minutes. The Military Commander says that 98 were drowned and 15 injured.

P. AND O. SHARES.

A BIG DROP.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, May 2.
The shares of the Peninsular and Oriental Line have fallen from 405 to 340 on the announcement of the Company's statement, disposing of Amalgamation and other rumours.

CHANGES IN BRITISH NAVY.

IMPORTANT REORGANIZATION SCHEME.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, May 2.
The Admiralty has announced a further important step in the reorganization of the Fleet. When the changes are completed in six months, the six battle squadrons will be homogeneous.

The first and second squadrons will consist of Dreadnoughts and Lord Nelsons and the third of King Edwards. The Mediterranean squadron will have its base at Gibraltar, and will be renamed the fourth squadron. It will consist of Dardanelles and will be kept in full commission and will form the first fleet. The fifth squadron, hitherto known as the third division, will consist of eight Formidables. The seventh squadron, to be named the third fleet, will comprise eight Mayas.

It is considered unnecessary to name the sixth or form an eighth squadron at present.

BY TELEGRAPH.

JAPANESE SAILORS' WAGES INCREASED.

(Independent News Agency's Service to the China Mail.)

TOKYO, May 3.
The Nippon Yusen Kaisha and other Japanese steamship companies have increased the wages of the seamen, as the result of the recent strike.

THE DALAI LAMA'S AGENT.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, May 2.
A message from Reuter's St. Petersburg correspondent states that Boris Djorieff, the Dalai Lama's agent, has arrived in that city.

THE PORTUGUESE NAVY.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, May 2.
Reuter's correspondent at Lisbon telegraphs that the Minister for Marine has introduced a Bill fixing the naval force at 4,500 to be distributed over five cruisers, fourteen gunboats and a torpedo boat destroyer.

TURKEY AND THE DARDANELLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, May 2.
A telegram from Constantinople states that the Cabinet has decided to re-open the Dardanelles, reserving the right to close the passage again in case of necessity.

JAPAN AND MEXICO.

ALLEGED DEAL IN LAND.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, May 2.
Reuter's correspondent at Washington telegraphs that President Taft informed the Senate that the State Department had no evidence whatever showing that there had been any acquisition of land or intention to acquire such directly or indirectly in Mexico on the part of Japan.

Accompanying the President's message is one from Mr. Knox who attributed the rumours of Japanese activity in Magdalena Bay to the unsuccessful efforts of an American syndicate to dispose of a concession there to a Japanese syndicate.

THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

COLONEL ROOSEVELT RE-NOUNCING VOTES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, May 2.
Reuter's correspondent at Oyster Bay telegraphs that Colonel Roosevelt has renounced all claim to the votes of the eight Massachusetts delegates at large. He has telegraphed to them to vote for President Taft, who secured the eighteen regular delegates but failed to secure the delegates at large because 9,000 votes in Boston were invalidated owing to a technical flaw.

DEVELOPING NYASA LAND.

UNION CASTLE LINE'S ENTERPRISE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, May 2.
Commencing with the s.s. Guelph on May 15, the Union Castle Line's East African steamers will call at Porto Amélia. It is hoped that this step will assist in the further development of Nyasaland.

WIDESPREAD STRIKES IN RUSSIA.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, May 2.
A St. Petersburg message states that 64,000 people have gone on strike to protest against the action of the authorities in the Lena goldfields.

REPAIRED AND RE-SPRINKLED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, May 2.
A St. Petersburg message states that the Lena goldfields have been repaired and re-sprinkled.

"BARBARIC" USE OF COAL.

Emphatic views on the "barbaric" use of coal in England, an irate denunciation of London fog, the suggested substitution of gaseous fuel for crude coal, and a reference to the efforts of the Coal Smoke Abatement Society are contained in a statement made to a "Standard" representative by a foreign visitor who has studied the problem closely in its world-wide aspects.

"The coal crisis," he said, "should make thoughtful people think about the barbarous combustion of crude coal which is permitted in such a savage and unorganized manner in the midst of our semi-civilization. Think of your unscientific use of coal, resulting in your miserable London fogs. I was talking a little time ago to your Sir Oliver Lodge, who said that nothing can be more insanitary in the long run than the sun-absorbing atmosphere in which we artificially arrange to live. Those who try to imagine that coal smoke acts as a disinfecting influence are deceiving themselves. The amount of disinfectant fatal to disease germs would assuredly also be fatal to other organisms; and, besides, who wants to live in a plague of disinfectant, diffused through the common atmosphere, any more than in a plague of anything else?"

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"I was travelling a few months back after an American tour, through the Continent of Europe, and I found that the efforts of your Coal Smoke Abatement Society were much spoken of in many towns. England is so often a land where everyone is free to annoy his neighbour. In some German towns—Hannover, for example—the amount of smoke made by house fires is about one-third what it was ten years ago. This is the result of strict laws strictly enforced. The whole civilized world is moving in the matter, and I am expecting to learn much from your coming conference here in London."

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